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Mary A. Holman, a resident of Washington and a Ph.D. candidate at The George Washington University, has been named the first holder of the Thomas Alva Edison Fellowship for a study on the utilization of government-owned, patented inventions.

The announcement of the $3,000 research fellowship was made this week by O.S. Colclough, university provost and director of the Patent, Trademark and Copyright Foundation.

The government owns thousands of patented inventions and only a scattering of information is available on their uses. Miss Holman's year-long study, which is being made possible by the grant from the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation of New York, will find out how these government-owned, patented inventions are utilized. She will examine government patent policies and their implications for economic growth and technological development.

A 1957 graduate with an M.A. degree from George Washington University, Miss Holman has worked as an economist in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Planning Association and was a teaching fellow and instructor in economics at the university in 1959-60.

The Thomas Alva Edison Fellowship was established in 1961 and is awarded annually to a candidate for a graduate degree in one of the schools of the university. Candidates must be qualified to undertake study on the U.S. patent and related systems and be nominated by the university's Patent, Trademark and Copyright Foundation.